

Luncheon honors RSVP volunteers

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The Senior Citizens Association in Florence County and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program hosted a Recognition Luncheon for RSVP volunteers on March 22 at the Leatherman Senior Center.

Honda of South Carolina was the major sponsor for the luncheon.

Pam Little-McDaniel, public information officer with Florence School District 1 served as mistress of ceremonies. Bill Remmes, SCA president of the board of directors, welcomed guests.

Curtis M. Loftis Jr., director of the S.C. Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging, attended and spoke briefly. He also

assisted Connell Cain, SCA program coordinator, in presenting special recognition awards.

Marianne Frederick, MHSA, was the guest speaker. She describes herself as work/play coach. She is also an author, speaker and trainer. Also referred to as the hat lady, Frederick entertained by donning various hats to get across her message to enjoy life and embrace laughter. She encouraged the audience to laugh out loud and smile more.

"A smile is like an instant face lift," she said. "It makes you look years younger."

Ray Legette, who is retiring after 17 years of delivering meals, was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer.

An Intergenerational Award was presented to the Dept. of

Juvenile Justice of Florence, for outstanding service to the senior community and was presented to Linda Barr-Williams.

Janet Cole-James, RSVP Volunteer, made closing remarks, as did Linda Mitchell-Johnson, SCA executive director.

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a part of the Corporation for National and Community Service's Senior Corps Program. It is sponsored locally by the Senior Citizens Association in Florence County.

The RSVP program is for seniors, age 55 and older, to give them the opportunity to utilize their time and talents to benefit their community.

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